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SUBJECT: COMMERCIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

REF: STATE 203972

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED CREDIT REPORTS ON VESFORT SA, SOCIETA ANONIMA DI TRASPORTI INTERNAZIONALI GOTTARDO RUFFONI, LAVANCHY SA, AND RALLI BROTHERS SA. FULL WTDRS (UNCLASSIFIED EMBASSY COMMERCIAL REPORTS) ON ALL FOUR FIRMS NOW IN PREPARATION AND COPIES WILL BE FORWARDED TO LE/BEERS.

2. RE INFORMATION REQUESTED PARA 9 REFTTEL, REPORT ON VESFORT SA STATES COMPANY FOUNDED JULY 4, 1972, TO ENGAGE IN PURCHASE AND SALE OF FURS AND TEXTILES, PRINCIPALLY ABROAD. REPORT ALSO SAYS VESFORT HAS NO WORKING PERSONNEL AND WILL SHORTLY GO INTO LIQUIDATION. NOTHING IN ABOVE REPORTS TIES VESFORT, ERNEST VESELLY, OR MELVIN TAKS TO GOTTARDO RUFFONI, NOR DO REPORTS INDICATE THEY ARE USING FREEPORT SPACE IN LAUSANNE OR CHIASSO FOR OPERATION FUR BUSINESS.

3. EMBASSY HAS INFORMALLY ASKED A CONTACT IN SWISS
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POLICE DIVISION IF HE CAN PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMA-

TION. UNFORTUNATELY, TRADE IN SKINS OF ENDANGERED SPECIES
NOT PRESENTLY VIOLATION OF SWISS LAW. AFTER SWISS RATIFY
CONVENTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES (IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION
NOW IN PREPARATION AND PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL EXPECTED
NEXT YEAR), US WILL HAVE LEGAL GROUNDS TO OFFICIALLY
REQUEST ASSISTANCE FROM SWISS POLICE AUTHORITIES. EMBASSY
WILL REPORT FURTHER WHEN IT RECEIVES ANSWER FROM POLICE
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